The History of the European Union

1. Why did a number of European leaders become convinced that they had to unite economically and politically?

2. Who were the six countries that formed the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)?

3. What was meant by forming a “Common Market”?

4a. How did membership in the European Parliament change after 1979?

b. For how many years are members of the European Parliament elected?

5a. What was the Treaty of Maastricht?

b. List two new areas of inter-governmental cooperation that were added by the Treaty?

c. What was created by the Maastricht Treaty?

6a. Explain how agricultural policy has changed over time in the European Union (EU)?

\*b. Why would environmental policy now have to be taken into account across a whole range of European Union (EU) policies?

7. When did the member “states” of the European Union (EU) finally remove all of the barriers to trade (i.e., no tariffs, a Single Market)?

8. Why was it easier for Europeans to travel and study in other European countries during the 1990s?

9a. What is the euro?

b. When did it come into use?

c. When the euro was first introduced, how many of the 15 member nations used it?

\*d. Bring in a euro for extra credit.

10. There are now 25 member nations in the European Union (EU). List the 19 countries that joined the original six, and include the dates they joined.

\*11. Explain why many people call the European Union (EU) the “United States of Europe”?